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Dear Ms. Rutson:

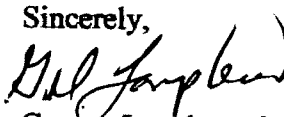

I am a resident of Barrington, Illinois. My home, where my family and I have lived for 20 years, is adjacent to the railroad tracks that run through Barrington. I recently heard that Canadian National Railway Company had proposed a project that would bring at least 15 more trains per day down those tracks. This announcement alarmed me greatly. I became even more concerned when I heard that this estimate did not account for large increases expected in train traffic throughout the Chicago area over the next 20 years. The drastic increase in noise, traffic, safety problems at rail crossings, etc. will affect my quality of life and the quality of the environment in my community.

The traffic problems in the Village of Barrington are already a major issue. The current EJ&E line crosses the three track Chicago Metra Line in the center of the village. We also have three major roads that intersect near the center of the Village. This is more than a minor inconvenience because it also affects Police, Fire and Ambulance traffic.

The westbound EJ&E trains blow their whistles every time they pass our house. It is so loud that we keep our windows closed even in the summer.

I have been informed that you are responsible for reviewing Canadian National Railway Company's proposal. I think that the effects I discussed above warrant serious consideration before you allow Canadian National to move forward. You hold the safety and well-being of not only my family, but that of an entire region in your hands. I trust that you and the rest of the Board will thoroughly review Canadian National's proposal for any and all effects on the environment and affected communities. Please do not approve this proposal until you are certain noise, air, safety, etc. will not suffer. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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